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Composition and Process

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Official Action mailed August 28, 2003. A Request for a three-month extension of time is transmitted herewith, accordingly this response is timely filed on February 28, 2003.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 2-5.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A liquid composition of matter that is suitable as electrolyte for a nonsludging electrolytic zinc phosphate treatment process, said liquid composition comprising water, dissolved phosphoric acid, dissolved nitric acid, dissolved zinc cations, *m* chemically distinct species of cations